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Makoto Oyama et al.

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For: CROTCH-POSSESSING CORRECTIVE Examiner; G. M. Hale

GARMENT

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 3, 2009 and the Office Action dated October 1, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures and an E.A.R. and I.F.W. of the December 30, 2008 filing is attached following page 12 of this paper.

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Amendment dated March 19, 2009 Reply to Office Action of October 1, 2008

It is noted that a response fully responsive to the October 1, 2008 Non-Final Office Action was filed on December 30, 2008. The Image File Wrapper of the filing obtained from the United States Patent and Trademark Office's PAIR website after the filing, and the Electronic Acknowledgement Receipt of the December 30, 2008 filing (indicating 20 pages) have been attached. Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's acknowledgement that the previous submission (now apparently incomplete on the USPTO's PAIR website) was a *bona fide* attempt to provide a complete reply. Applicants hereby submit a complete response, identical in substance to the December 30, 2008 filing, that is fully responsive to the October 1, 2008 Non-Final Office Action.